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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG JA INDO

SUBJ: PACIFIC LIGHTING/INDONESIA LNG CONTRACT

REF: JAKARTA 436

1. EMBOFF RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FEB. 19 FROM FAR EAST OIL TRADING COMPANY VICE PRESIDENT SARWONO, WHO ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF 1974 TRADE ACT PROVISIONS EXCLUDING OPEC COUNTRIES FROM GSP, GOI INTENDS TO TAKE QTE VERY RELAXED ATTITUDE UNQTE TOWARDS APPROVING PACIFIC LIGHTING/PERTAMINA LNG CONTRACT (REFTEL). IF INDONESIA, WHICH DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN OIL EMBARGO, IS NOT GRANTED EXEMPTION FROM GSP EXCLUSION, SARWONO ASSERTED, CONTRACT APPROVAL BY GOI MAY TAKE QTE A COUPLE OF YEARS UNQTE. FURTHERMORE, INDONESIANS MAY BE SLOW IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PACIFIC LIGHTING IN SEEKING FPC APPROVAL FOR CONTRACT.

2. ON OTHER HAND, SARWONO SAID, FAR EAST OIL AND PERTAMINA ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS AND OTHER US FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REQUIRED LNG TANKERS, IN ANTICIPATION OF EVENTUAL GOI APPROVAL OF LNG CONTRACT.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN,
SARWONO IS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH GOI AND PERTAMINA.
EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO EVALUATE SUBSTANCE OF SARWONO'S
REMARKS OR SPECULATE ON REASON FOR CALL. IN RESPONSE TO
EMBOFF'S QUESTION WHETHER GOI HAD PASSED SOME INFORMATION
TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA, SARWONO INDICATED HE NOT CERTAIN,
BUT MADE CLEAR HE WANTED MESSAGE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.
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